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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US ARMS FOR KUWAIT

REF: A) STATE 098844; STATE 098967

1. IRANIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN ONLY LIMITED COVERAGE TO LE MONDE ARTICLE AND HAS NOT CARRIED WASHINGTON POST STORY ON US ARMS FOR KUWAIT. PAPERS MAY 24 CARRY REUTERS REPORT THAT KUWAIT HAS REJECTED US ARMS OFFER. WE SPECULATE COVERAGE MAY REFLECT GOI INFLUENCE WITH PRESS AND PREFERENCE FOR PLAYING DOWN DEFENSE EFFORTS OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS SO AS NOT TO DIMINISH IRAN'S ROLE AS GUARDIAN OF PERSIAN GULF.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE AS YET HAD NO QUERY FROM GOI ON OUR ARMS PROGRAM FOR KUWAIT, WE ARE CERTAIN THIS IS SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO IRANIAN LEADERSHIP. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY APPROPRIATE, PARTICULARLY WITH BACKGROUND OF OUR RECENT APPROACHES RE POSSIBLE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KUWAIT DURING TROUBLES WITH IRAQ, TO DESCRIBE TO GOI WHAT KINDS OF EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WE ARE PLANNING TO PROVIDE KUWAIT. APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS
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